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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MONDAY'S EVENING READING:

1. DOBRYNIN. IN VIEW OF ANDY YOUNG'S PLANNED
STATEMENT TOMORROW ON SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR MATTERS,
I MET WITH DOBRYNIN AND TOLD HIM THAT WE HAVE SOUGHT
AND RECEIVED TWO ASSURANCES FROM THE SOUTH AFRICANS --
NO NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES FOR ANY PURPOSE, AND NO TESTING.
I ALSO INDICATED THAT WE WILL INTENSIFY OUR EFFORTS TO
BRING PRETORIA TO ACCEPT FULL INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS
AND SIGN THE NPT. (WE ARE ALSO SENDING WORD TO THE
FRENCH, THE GERMANS, AND THE BRITISH REGARDING THE
ASSURANCES WE RECEIVED FROM THE SOUTH AFRICANS.)

DOBRYNIN LEFT A PAPER WITH ME ON AN ENTIRELY NEW SUBJECT--

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AN ALLEGED WEST GERMAN ROCKET TESTING CENTER IN ZAIRE.
THE SOVIETS ARE MAKING A DEMARCHE TO BONN ON THIS
SUBJECT, AND ARE SEEKING OUR COOPERATION. WE ARE AWARE
OF A PROJECT BEING MOUNTED BY A PRIVATE GERMAN CONCERN
ON A VERY LARGE TRACT OF LAND IN ZAIRE. WE WILL REPORT TO
YOU FURTHER AFTER WE HAVE LOOKED INTO THE MATTER.

2. ISRAEL-SOUTH AFRICA. THE ISRAELIS HAVE RESPONDED TO OUR QUESTIONS CONCERNING ISRAEL'S NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA WITH A STATEMENT FROM BEGIN, CONVEYED BY EVRON, SAYING: QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS NEVER HAD ANY CONTACTS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, NOR HAS THERE EVER BEEN ANY COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT, AND/OR THE PRODUCTION, OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. UNQUOTE. BECAUSE OF THE USE OF THE WORD "WEAPONS" IN BEGIN'S STATEMENT, WE PLAN TO GO BACK TO THE ISRAELIS FOR AN ASSURANCE THAT THEY ARE NOT COOPERATING WITH SOUTH AFRICA ON NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES OR ON THE TECHNOLOGY THAT COULD CONTRIBUTE TO SUCH EXPLOSIVES.

3. LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE. JUDGING BY TELEPHONE DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR DELEGATION, THINGS WENT WELL DURING THE FIRST DAY OF THE LAGOS CONFERENCE. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DISCUSSION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR ISSUE WAS LIMITED AND LOW-KEY, AND NO CAMPAIGN TO PILLORY ISRAEL HAS YET BEEN MOUNTED.

4. GAS PIPELINE TALKS. CANADIAN OFFICIALS WILL BE IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK TO CONTINUE THE PIPELINE NEGOTIATIONS INITIATED IN OTTAWA LAST WEEK. DISCUSSION IS CENTERING ON CHANGES THAT THE CANADIAN NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD WISHES TO MAKE IN THE ORIGINAL ALCAN PROPOSAL
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SUBMITTED BY A CONSORTIUM OF U.S. AND CANADIAN FIRMS. THESE INCLUDE A CHANGE IN THE PIPELINE ROUTE TO ACCOMMODATE A POSSIBLE FUTURE CANADIAN PIPELINE TO CARRY GAS FROM NORTHERN CANADA INTO SOUTHERN CANADIAN MARKETS AND A PROPOSED \$200 MILLION PAYMENT BY THE PIPELINE TO MEET "INDIRECT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COSTS" OF CONSTRUCTION. THUS FAR THE CANADIANS ARE NEGOTIATING IN A POSITIVE SPIRIT, AND WITH AN APPARENT UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEED TO PROTECT THE PROJECT'S FINANCIAL VIABILITY.

5. AWACS. WITH THE AWACS SALE SCHEDULED FOR RESUBMISSION SEPTEMBER 7, OUR STRATEGY MUST ONCE AGAIN BE TO STOP A RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING THE SALE IN THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE. WE HOPE WE CAN CONVERT ENOUGH VOTES TO ACHIEVE THIS. IF THE RESOLUTION SHOULD REACH THE HOUSE FLOOR, THE OUTCOME IS UNPREDICTABLE.

IN THE SENATE, PROSPECTS WOULD BE GRIM WITHOUT HUMPHREY'S LEADERSHIP. ALL OTHER DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS OF HIS SUBCOMMITTEE OPPOSE THE SALE, AND FROM THE FOREIGN

RELATIONS COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE, ONLY SENATOR GLENN IS
A CANDIDATE FOR MANAGING OUR CASE. NOR IS SURROGATE

LEADERSHIP FROM THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE LIKELY,
SINCE CULVER IS ARMED SERVICES' LEADING EXPERT ON
AWACS. CRANSTON OPPOSED THE SALE, AND BYRD IS UNLIKELY
TO TAKE THE LEAD IN ADVANCING OUR CASE EVEN IF HE
DECIDES TO VOTE WITH US.

TWENTY-ONE SENATORS PLUS CONGRESSMAN HAMILTON IN THE
HOUSE HAVE ASKED THAT A FULL-SCALE COST-EFFECTIVENESS
ANALYSIS OF AWACS AND ALTERNATIVES BE COMPLETED BEFORE
RESUBMISSION. A STUDY OF FAIRLY BROAD SCOPE WILL BE
COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 7, BUT IT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE
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ENOUGH TO PERSUADE DUG-IN OPPONENTS.

6. PHILIPPINES. AT THE OPENING OF THE WORLD PEACE
THROUGH LAW CONFERENCE IN MANILA TODAY, MARCOS
PROMISED TO HOLD ELECTIONS FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS NOT
LATER THAN NEXT YEAR, TO LIFT THE COUNTRY'S CURFEW AND
THE BAN ON INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL BY PHILIPPINE CITIZENS,
AND TO AMNESTY SUBVERSIVES. MARCOS' STATEMENT COMES ON
THE HEELS OF A FORMAL PHILIPPINE REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION
OF THE U.S.-PHILIPPINE MILITARY BASE TALKS AND FOR
CONTINUED TALKS ON A NEW BILATERAL ECONOMIC TREATY.
DICK HOLBROOKE PLANS TO VISIT MANILA IN THE LATTER PART
OF SEPTEMBER TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH MARCOS IN
PREPARATION FOR REOPENING THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS. EARLY
NEXT MONTH, OUR DELEGATION TO U.S.-ASEAN ECONOMIC
CONSULTATIONS IN MANILA WILL HOLD ANOTHER ROUND OF
INFORMAL TALKS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS. CHRISTOPHER

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